



Interoperable and Emergency Communications



TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

Communications Technician (COMT)

October 23, 2023 to October 27, 2023

State Preparedness Training Center

Course Description

This class provides introductory and refresher training for the NIMS ICS COMT position. It introduces public safety professionals and support staff to various communications concepts and technologies including interoperable communications solutions, LMR communications, satellite, telephone, data, and computer technologies used in incident response and planned events. It is designed for state/territory, tribal, urban, and local emergency response professionals and support personnel in all disciplines who have a technical communications background.

Participants develop the essential core competencies required for performing the duties of the COMT in an all-hazards incident, including responsibilities while operating in a local, regional, or state-level All-Hazards Incident Management Team.

The course is instructor-led and supports learning through discussion, lecture, and hands-on exercises to explain processes used for establishment and operation of the technical communications resources for an incident or planned event. The course provides a realistic, hands-on approach to mastering the tasks and skills of a COMT. Each attendee receives a Position Task Book.



Course Capacity

- In person: Minimum of 8 or a Maximum of 16 vetted/qualified students

Prerequisites for Attendance

(Prerequisites must be verified two (2) weeks in advance of the course.)

- Personal experience:
 - A public safety background with experience in field operations
 - A technical communications background
 - Awareness of fundamental public safety communications technology
 - Basic knowledge of applicable communications plans
- Completion of the following online courses from the FEMA/EMI website:
 - IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS 100
 - IS-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response
 - IS-700: An Introduction to the National Incident Management System
 - IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction

Course Provider

This course is State Sponsored and will be instructed by a team of NY State Instructor Authorized COMU Program Instructors, from the DHSES-OIEC, who have both practitioner and COMU experience.

Location

State Preparedness Training Center (SPTC)
5900 Airport Road, Oriskany, NY 13424

Cost

There is **NO FEE** for this course. ***Lunch will be provided.*** Travel and all other meals are the responsibility of the course participant.

Dates & Times

October 23, 2023; Registration and Check-In: (7:30 AM – 8:00 AM)

October 23, 2023 – October 27, 2023; Course (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)



Registration Process

All student registrations will be reviewed by DHSES-OIEC, and the lodging reviewed by the SPTC. Enrollment emails will be sent to students (at the time of enrollment from DHSES LMS) NO LATER THAN 2 weeks prior to the start of the course. Registration does not guarantee a seat in the course.

To register for this course, access the New York State DHSES Learning Management System (LMS) portal on-line go to the following website: <https://lmsportal-dhses.ny.gov/acadisviewer/login.aspx>

If you do not have a User Account with DHSES LMS, you need to submit a New User Account Access Request WebForm to have an account created you. This is necessary to be able to submit a request to register for the course. [New User Account Access Request](#)

No Show Policy

Failure to attend a class you have been enrolled in can result in the denial of future course enrollment. If you have not received a confirmation (or denial) two weeks prior to the course start date, please contact DHSES-OIEC at (518) 322-4911, or OIEC.Training@dhSES.ny.gov.

Lodging

You are eligible for lodging if your residence and official workstation are more than 50 miles from the SPTC and you are public sector personnel. Lodging is not available for federal employees or private industry participants. If you are eligible, you will be sent an email with lodging instructions prior to the start of the course. You must be enrolled in the course and have received lodging approval from the SPTC before arriving at the Center, or your lodging will not be covered, and you will not be allowed in the class. SPTC: Phone: (315) 768-5689; E-mail: SPTC.INFO@dhSES.ny.gov; Website: www.dhSES.ny.gov/sptc

If approved by the SPTC, lodging will be provided on the nights of October 22nd, October 23rd, October 24th, October 25th, and October 26th for approved public sector personnel.

To cancel your course enrollment: notify OIEC.Training@dhSES.ny.gov ASAP. ***You are responsible for canceling your hotel reservations.***

If you have any further questions, or need more information contact:

DHSES-OIEC: Phone: (518) 322-4911; E-mail: OIEC.Training@dhSES.ny.gov.